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Dear Examiner Walicka:

Per your instruction in our phone conversation this afternoon, please find the attached fax sent to PTO on April 1, 2003. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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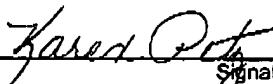
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF IDS REFERENCES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Upon reviewing the prosecution file of the above referenced application, Applicants noticed that the Examiner signed and dated the attached Information Disclosure Statement submitted by Applicants on March 1, 2001. However, three references listed on that IDS were not initialed by the Examiner. Applicants hereby respectfully request the Examiner reconsider these references and initial the IDS. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that the issue fee for the present application is due on April 23, 2003. In view of the issue fee due date, an early and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

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Sir:

Per Examiner Walicka's instruction during the telephone call with the undersigned on April 1, 2003, Applicants hereby resubmit, by facsimile, a Request for Reconsideration of IDS References (faxed to PTO on March 25, 2003). In addition, also per the Examiner's instruction, Applicants hereby submit an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 312. In view of the issue fee due date of April 23, 2003, an early and favorable response is solicited.

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